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A 'Rock 'n' Roll Ball'

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The country's first music video channel, **MTV**, is once again planning to rock in the New Year.

The 4th annual **"MTV New Year's Eve Rock and Roll Ball"** will be cablecast live from New York City starting at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

As always, the MTV gang will celebrate the New Year four times, once for each of the times zones.

The performers this time out include The Eurogliders, Frankie Goes To Hollywood, General Public, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band, UB-40 and comedienne Whoopie Goldberg.

All five MTV announcers will also be on hand, along with David Lee Roth of Van Halen and comic Pee Wee Herman. The channel will also give viewers four chances to win $10,000.

✔ Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the theaters, **Twisted Sister**, one of the loudest heavy metal bands working the road today, will soon be showing up in cinemas from coast to coast.

The band's "We're Not Going To Take It" video, a fixture on MTV and other video channels, is the latest **Music Zap** for theaters.

The 35 millimeter video, recut for theaters with four-channel Dolby stereo, will be shown as a pre-feature attraction in theaters around the country.

The video, starring Mark Metcalf (Niedermeyer from "Animal House") depicts a father who doesn't care much for the band. Or as the Music Zap press release puts it: "The Twisted Sisters proceed to blow Metcalf away; through walls, windows and doors and as they romp through out a suburban split level."

✔ The Motown sound will be examined on Friday's installment of **"Night Flight,"** the weekend late-night music video series on the **USA Network.**

The show includes the Supremes, Stevie Wonder and Lionel Richie.

The program also profiles **David Bowie,** and includes his videos "Ashes To Ashes," "China Girl," "Boys Keep Swining" and "Blue Jean."

On Saturday, "Night Flight" will look at music videos by The Cars. The videos include "Magic," "Shake It Up" and "You Might Think."

The shows start at 11 p.m. both nights.

✔ The king of rock, Elvis Presley, would have been 50 years old on Jan. 8, had he lived. To mark the anniversary, **HBO** will cablecast a special that includes some never-broadcast footage of the singer.

Elvis Special Jan. 8

The special, **"Elvis: One Night With You"** will debut at 8 p.m. Saturday on the pay-cable channel. It will also run Jan. 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 23.

In June 1968, Presley taped a TV show for NBC. Part of that taping included Presley, with two members of his original band, Scotty Moore and D.J. Fontana, jamming in an informal session before a live audience.

Presley played some of his earliest hits in this jam, and also chatted about the first days of his career, when his performance was so notorious that network TV refused to show him from the waist down.

Only a small part of that informal jam made it to the NBC special; the rest of the tape has been locked away in a vault since.

Most of the jam session didn't make the original show because it was too controversial for NBC in those pre-Twisted Sister days, according to HBO press release.

"Nobody ever showed people sweating under the armpits," a HBO news release quoted producer/director Steve Binder. "It was so different than what was normal for television at the time."

✔ **Duran Duran,** the new wave band and early pioneer of video music, will be featured in a documentary to be cablecast on **Cinemax** during January.

The hour-long special, "Duran Duram — Blue Silver" will have its Cinemax debut at 10 p.m., Friday Jan. 11. The documentary also runs on Jan. 15, 19, 24 and 27.

The special looks at the Durans 1984 North American concert tour, and includes interviews with singer Simon Le Bon and the other band members, as well as Russell Mulcahy, the man who has directed most of their videos.

✔ The top-rated program on ad-supported cable channels is **"Academy Award Theater"** on **WTBS,** the Atlanta superstation, according to a news release from TBS.

The Nielsen survey, taken Nov. 1-28, show that the WTBS movie program, which is cablecast Sunday mornings, has more viewers than any other program on ad-supported cable (not including pay-cable channels like HBO and Showtime).

✔ **Movies** on Asheville's **WHNS-TV/Channel 21** this week include "Snow White and the Three Stooges," at 2 p.m. Sunday, "That's Entertainment I and II, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8 p.m. Wednesday, "Zigfield Follies" at 8 p.m. Thursday and "Bugsy Malone" at 8 p.m. Friday.

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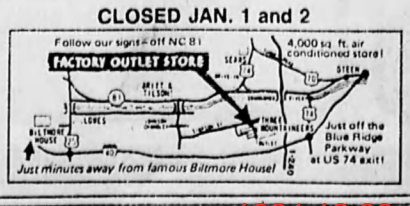
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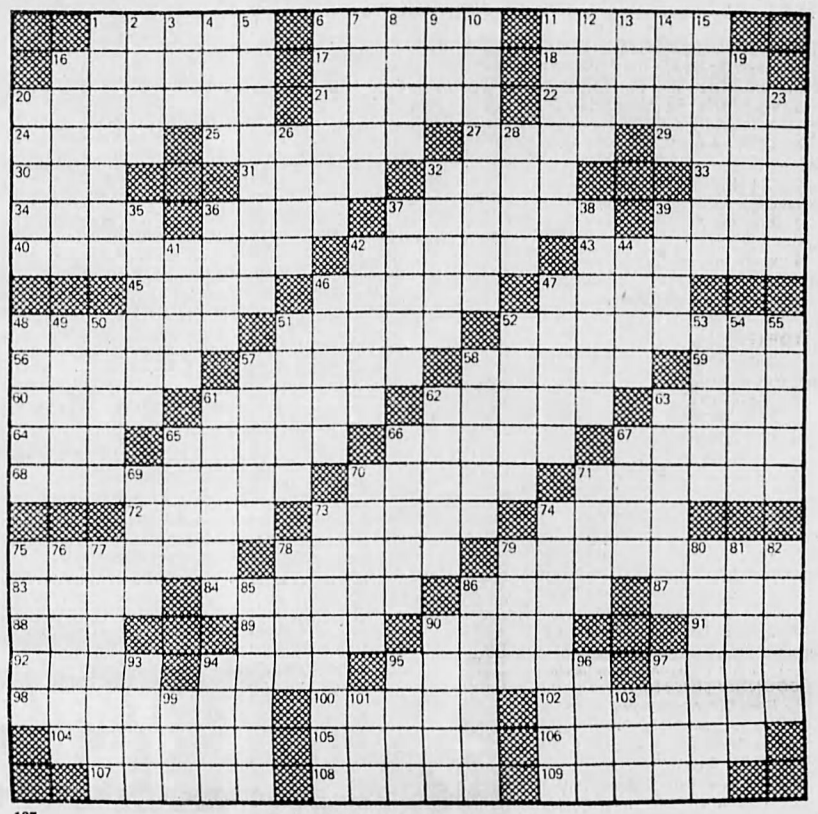
ACROSS
1 Stupor
6 Memento
11 It interests a philatelist
16 Band of color
17 Muse of poetry
18 Antenna
20 Engage the ignition
21 Follower of Arius
22 Metric measures
24 Girl's name
25 "To every thing there is a — ..."
27 Crazes
29 Director Preminger
30 Physician: familiar
31 Love god
32 Tierney or Tunney
33 Typographer's org.
34 Nights before holidays
36 "...— o'clock scholar"
37 Trenchant wit
39 German gentleman
40 Promises at New Year's
42 Coagulates
43 Annoys pettily
45 Burden
46 Mexican dish
47 Dry ravine
48 Party gifts
51 Goads
52 New Year's Eve headgear
56 Correct
57 Miller of comics
58 Safe place
59 Oil-yielding tree
60 Containers
61 "Eek!" producer
62 Venetian magistrates
63 Silent one
64 Son of Gad
65 Transmission units
66 British seaport
67 Strong, light wood
68 New Year's noisemakers
70 "The Canterbury —"
71 Lightweight boats
72 Kimono sashes
73 Restrain through fear
74 Poet
75 Flopsy, Mopsy or Peter
78 Disclosed
79 When Father Time exits
83 Exchange premium
84 Drama divisions
86 Falls behind
87 Delineate
88 Suffix forming nouns from verbs
89 Hired carriage
90 Cutting remark
91 Dined
92 Sci rooms
94 Withered
95 Reckless
97 Grafted: Her.
98 Law
100 Turf
102 Nullified
104 One fleeing to wed
105 Tidal flow
106 Golf club
107 Endures
108 City on the Moselle
109 Took the part of

DOWN
1 Positions, in golf
2 Odd: Scot.
3 Cherry stone
4 Musical work
5 Reiterated
6 Sanity
7 Blunder
8 Reclined
9 Call — day
10 It's thrown at New Year's Eve
11 Gloomier
12 Palmer's pegs
13 Curve
14 Chinese population division
15 Holiday celebrations
16 Tried hard
19 French epistle
20 Jewish home festival
23 Spoils, as milk
26 Singer Ed
28 Cuckoos
32 Prisons
35 Wise men
36 Gardner, et al.
37 Playground unit
38 Public warehouses
39 Broadway musical
41 Nobleman
42 Elected
44 Actress Barbara
46 — -country skiing
47 Vacillate
48 Phase
49 Italian historian
50 Toxic substance
51 Rains in torrents
52 Senate employees
53 Common greeting
54 Demean
55 Thomas, in Seville
57 Laments
58 Hang fluttering in the air
61 Deserves
62 Distributed
63 Frank
65 Large desert
66 Sticky fruits
67 Rural dance site
69 Professional tramp
70 Sandpiper
71 Bounders
73 Unit for 74 Down
74 They're busy on New Year's Eve
75 Shore birds
76 Related on dad's side
77 It marks midnight in Times Square
78 Kodiak
79 Playwright Connelly
80 Conceded
81 Alice's was mad
82 Sturdy fabric
85 Toast word
86 It leads to success?
90 Vermont city
93 Portico
94 Let stand
95 "The Gift of the —"
96 Prefix for scope or meter
97 Roof edge
99 — and downs
101 Card game
103 Anagram for dig



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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals F.

After Decade, MJQ's Taping Again

By PAUL RAEBURN
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NEW YORK — The Modern Jazz Quartet, one of the most enduring and distinguished aggregations in the history of jazz, has finally stopped trying to disband.

After twice announcing the group's dissolution, holding farewell concerts and then deciding to regroup for yet another "final tour," the members of the celebrated 32-year-old quartet decided to make their musical union permanent.

To celebrate the decision, they returned to the recording studio for the first time in a decade and have just released an LP entitled "Echoes," a collection of graceful, spirited performances that reveal the group's artistry to be near its peak.

"It's been in preparation for a while," said John Lewis, the group's pianist and principal composer, in an interview. "It's new music we prepared for the second Japanese tour."

That tour was one of the group's several reunions. Lewis and the group's three other members — Milt Jackson on vibraphone, Percy Heath on bass and Connie Kay on drums — disbanded in 1974 with a "last concert" in New York's Avery Fisher Hall.

Milt Jackson continued to tour with his own quartet. John Lewis became professor of music at City College in New York. Percy Heath joined his brother Jimmy in forming the Heath Brothers band. And Connie Kay became house drummer at Eddie Condon's, a venerable jazz club on New York's west side.

The MJQ, as it is frequently called, reunited briefly in 1976 for a few farewell concerts in the Midwest and then again in 1981 for a farewell tour of Japan — with visits to New York and San Francisco.

Shortly thereafter, the group made a second tour of Japan and the four musicians decided to resume performing together three or four months a year.

They recorded "Echoes" in March.

"It's the first album we've had (since the early 1970s) with new material," said Jackson. "It was time to do an album if we were going to perform."

It took the MJQ less than a day to record the album. "We do all our preparation in advance," said Jackson. "We don't spend two or three days in the studio any more." Jackson recalled some years ago a midnight recording session in which the MJQ moved into the studio after the Coasters, the pop singing group, had completed its 128th take of a song intended to be released as a single.

The MJQ recorded an entire album between midnight and 3 a.m., Jackson said.

The group arose from the Dizzy Gillespie big band of 1981, which included Jackson, Lewis, Heath and Kenny Clarke on drums. It was customary in the big band days for small groups from within the orchestra to occasionally make their own recordings, and that's what these four did.

The group called itself the Modern Jazz Quartet in a few New York nightclub appearances. In 1955, Clarke left and was replaced by Connie Kay, and the group's personnel roster has not changed since.

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